

FD 877

COUNTRY East Germany SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED 23 July 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

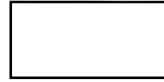
REMARKS

SOURCE 25X1X

- 25X1X 1. At 11:45 a.m. on 17 June 1953, troops with two mortars returned to the See Kaserne in Neuruppin in double time. At 11:50 a.m., 2 x 122-mm howitzers, 4 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, 14 trucks mounting AA machine guns, 4 M-13 rocket launchers and 15 radio trucks were in the yard of the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne. Some of the trucks carried cable reels and ammunition boxes. An undetermined number of troops from the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne and the former post hospital went in double time to the Fontane Schule, where they mounted trucks. An informant stated that, in the morning on 17 June, a number of tanks took position on the Altruppin-Herzberg road. There were no demonstrations or strikes in Neuruppin. Martial law lasted from 17 to 25 June. During this period, BA-64 armored scout cars, armored personnel carriers and trucks mounting twin-barreled machine guns patrolled the town, in addition to troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and VP wearing blue uniforms. Beginning 17 June, three 37-mm AA guns were em- 25X1 placed in the southeast corner of the airfield. At 11:15 a.m. on 20 June, JS-3 tanks [] went from Wittstockerallee toward Neuruppin and, at 7 p.m. on 9 July, 2 JSU-122 guns and JS-3 tanks [] went in the same direction. At 11:30 a.m. on 10 July, three T-43 tanks, [] were seen entering the See Kaserne. At 6:30 a.m. on 11 July, six trucks towing 37-mm AA guns went from the freight station to the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne. Between 12 25X1 and 16 June, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were heavily occupied and, between 17 June and 11 July, they were lightly occupied. On 8 July, about 50 percent of the windows of the Panzer Kaserne were lighted after nightfall. At 9 a.m. on 12 July, a troop train of about 30 flatcars with sideracks carrying trucks; 16 flatcars with sideracks carrying 18 x 122-mm howitzers and 14 x 57-mm AT guns; and several boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen passing through Radensleben, coming from the direction of Berlin and proceeding toward Neuruppin.
- 25X1 2. At 5:45 a.m. on 13 July, trucks and 120-mm mortars were entrained at the Neuruppin railroad station. (C-3) At about 7 a.m., a troop train carrying 18 tanks [] and 1 truck; and including 1 boxcar passed through the Kremmen railroad station, proceeding toward Neuruppin.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

SECRET



25X1A

-2-

25X1A

Comment. The departure to Berlin of major elements of the 12th Gds Tank Div on 17 June was repeatedly reported. The weapons seen with the troops in the individual installations correspond with equipment assigned to the units believed stationed in the installations. The arrival by rail of elements of the division from the direction of Berlin on 11 and 12 July confirms a report on transportation according to which seven troop trains went from Buch to Neuruppin between 11 and 13 July. The unit entrained on 13 July probably belonged to the 226th Mort Regt of the division, which may have transferred to Justerbog for firing practices.

25X1A

SECRET